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A sailing o'er the lea,

Attending to his business -Why, it's best to let him bee. -Cincinnati Tribune.

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"Papa, how old is a man when he knows everything?" "Just about Harry-"Any new features in

the ballet to-night?" Frank-"I did not notice their features."-Boston Transcript. When a married man buttons his

suspenders on eightpenny nails it is sure evidence that he has been disappointed in love.

"There is one sign that should be placed over every letter-box in the city." "What is that?" "Post no bills."-Yale Record. First drummer-"Say, business i

looking right up again, isn't it?" Second drummer-"Well, it ought to; it's flat on its back."-Truth. "Thompson says he would like to be buried with a brass band." "So! I know the band, too, that I would

apolis Journal. The small and silent things count

like see buried with him."-Indian

For woes men really feel, OVER The peal of thunder can't compare With a banana peel.

-Washington Star. She (an ancient-looking old girl) "Have you forgotten, George, that you proposed to me last night?' George-"That settles it. I'll never take a drink again."-Ex. 'No," said the grocer to the boy,

"You must pay cash, I fear; I've heard about the sugar trust, But we don't do it here." -New York Recorder

American girl-"Oh, yes. My home was in California, but I went to school in Boston."

Interested foreigner-"Ach so Did you go home at nights?"-Life Uncle--"So you have several debts of honor, eh? Come, tell me honestly how much you owe." Frank C. Holmes, Nephew-"Just as much as you are

Mrs. Ann-"What are you sput-

tering about Bridget?" Bridget-"I was wondering phat ould fool named a thing a 'dumbwaiter' phat whistles like a screechowl from marning till night."-Ex.

"You are nothing but a big bluff," remarked the river to the bank. "Is that so?" retorted the bank. "If I take a notion to come down on you, your name will be mud."-Indianapolis Journal.

"There are no flies on me," said the fresh young man, with idiotic gayety. "No," said the sedate girl, with an air of deep thoughtfulness "I suppose there are some things even flies can't stand."-Chicago

He was a countryman, and he walked along a busy thoroughfare Physician, Surgeon and Accoucheur. and read a sign over the door of a manufacturing establishment: Praduate of Toronto University College, Toron-to, Ontario. "Cast-iron Sinks." It made him mad. He said that any fool ought to know that .- Christian World.

Young Fastkind-"I thought you told me this horse was withou fault?"

Stableman-"So oi did, sir." Young Fastkind-"Well, I notice one of his eyes is blind."

Dr. A. Letourneau. Stableman-"That's not his fault. sir; it's his misfortune."-Harper's Between Episcopal Church and Cen-tennial Block.

> "I came to see, Miss Sprite, if you would look more favorably upon "State of Ohio" and "State of New York. my suit to-day."

Miss Sprite (adjusting her eyeglass and scrutinizing him from head to foot);-"Yes, sir, I do. I think it looks better than the old one you wore the last time you were here."-Ex.

"Great Scott, man, what are you doing with four alarm clocks in Write for tourist pamphiet.

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"I want to try and get a little

"How can that help you?" "My wife and baby have gone for a visit, and everything is so blamed quiet I can't close my eyes.'

Chicago Inter Ocean. A young man fresh from college wore as a scarf-pin a jeweled gold potato bug. One day he called the attention of an old German bookseller to it, asking: "Isn't that

pretty, Dutchy?" "Ja, ja" was the reply. "Dot ish 10.40 der piggest pug on der schmallest potato I haf efer seen."-Harper's Call at Argus Office. Bazar.



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We had gone out from Fort Owen to open the pass in the Big Hole Mountains to enable the woodchopers to get a supply of fuel for the post. It had snowed for seventy hours without a break, and at several points in the pass there were drifts twenty feet high. There were twenty-five of us under command of a lieutenant, and about noon we had dug our way half through the pass. The mountain slopes on each side were rough and rocky, but the snow lay so deep that each slope looked as level as the floor, though the slant was much sharper than the ordinary house roof. It was a good thousand feet to the cedars growing on the ridge, and it made one dizzy to look up and realize the distance.

"We are liable to meet with disaster here," the officer had said as we began to work with our snow shovels in the morning. "There must be no shooting with your revolvers-no horse play-no shouting. If the snow gets started up there, not a man of us will ever be found before next June.

The pass ran east and west for distance of two hundred feet and then made a sharp turn to the north. At the turn we had what might be called a third mountain in front of us. The slope was as high as the others and pitched to the west or down the pass. We thus had three COOK-BOOK slopes, two pitching across the pass

and the other lengthwise of it. To sell you the best goods For the first hour every man was nervous and afraid. Then the feeling began to wear off, and some of the men began to express their contempt of the peril. At the end of two hours the officer had to repeat his words of caution. At about eleven o'clock a fall of snow from the left-hand slope revealed the mouth of a cave about thirty feet above our heads. It was believed by all to be the lair of a bear or panther, and at noon, when the men sat down in the pass to eat their

pork and hard tack, the officer started to go up and investigate. With- Dr. Humphreys' Specifies are scientifically and stance that will never have its coun- "Doctor told me ter git one, and I ial cure for the disease him. The fall of snow had left the Second street. rocks bare and revealed three or four small trees, but it was a hard climb to reach the cave. It wasn't a cave at all, but only an indention in a cliff, with a shelf of rock over-

> ed out for perhaps four feet. The men were not all in a bunch but some of them were even out of sight around the bend. After discovering that we had been duped about the cave we stood looking down and across, and were just moving to get down when one of

> hanging it. This overhang extend-

the men below us shouted: "A deer! A deer! Hurrah, boys-

venison for supper!" The deer was above us, but we could not see it on account of the overhang. All the men had their revolvers, and as they began to flourish them and prepare to fire, the officer called out a command and a warning. If they heard him they did not heed him. He was still speaking when three or four shots were fired simultaneously, and some one cried out that the deer had been hit. It was the concussion that started the snow, and it started from the very top of the And Don't slope, where the warm sun had Forget that softened it soonest. I felt a trem- You can buy your bling of the mountain and leaped back under the overhang, and as the lieutenant and I stood side by side, the avalanche swept over us. Daylight was blotted out for an instant and the grinding, roaring, and

crashing were something terrific. It seemed as if the mountain rocked and pitched like a steamer at sea, and the noise was louder than any clap of thunder you ever heard. It couldn't have lasted over sixty seconds, though the time seemed Other ten times as long. Then we looked Man on down, to find the pass at the soles of our feet. In other words, it had filled up to the height of thirty feet with snow, boulders, trees and earth. Two hundred feet to the west of us was the lower mouth or openingbeyond that a plain. The snow had not only fallen from our slope, but from the one opposite. We were struck dumb for the moment, and as we stood gazing blankly the snow In Alpena and Alcona Counties, excellent ventriloquist, and he asked started on the third slope. Away up near the creast a ball started 6.00 rolling, and ten seconds later the 5.25 5.15 snow on a space three hundred feet 4.45 long was moving. Instead of piling up in the ravine it struck and forced the snow there to the west and fol- For 3.45 lowed after. It was a great river of snow sweeping past us. Logs, trees, call at the and boulders which weighed tons of

tons were borne along like straws,



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and so swiftly that the eye caught room. Go in there and bring me no second glance. All at once there the head of one of them." was a check, and right before us a Cato started on the mission, and

soldier was shot to the surface. It the ventriloquist stationed himself was Corporal Herts, who was prob- in near proximity. A proviso was ably further up the pass than any that Cato was to have no light, so ILLUSTRATED. other man. He popped out of snow he went into the dark room, walked feet of us and looking squarely into "Let go my head," said a voice in

> doubt realized his peril, but as he lar, and 'todder gentleman'll do jis' stood there, saved for the instant, as well." Then he left that corpse

> disappeared from sight. It was dis- again in awful tones. cipline in the face of death-an in- "Kain't do it, marse," said Cato.

> and tore great rocks from its sides. Cato persevered, hacked off the head At the west mouth the snow filled a and started out, when he was assailed ravine fifty feet deep, and then pour- with: ed out on the plain for a quarter of "Bring that head back! Bring

> could not have moved the mass in He took the head to the doctor. a fortuight. Twenty-four men "Here 'tis, Marse Doctor," he said, were buried there. It was idle to "but please get froo soon, 'cause de

> Along in the last days of June we looking at de bumps." Cato's reputation for pluck was

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The advantages of using genuine had saluted as he looked into the white lead for painting surfaces, eseyes of death was the last one pecially iron work, have been known found. He was at the bottom of for years, but an instance mentionthe ravine, the body without a shred ed by Sir William Arrol will serve of clothing, and the arm he had to impress the fact on the memory. Some years ago he purchased the materials of old Hammersmith Bridge for the purpose of using a portion in erecting a temporary plant at one of his large undertak-In an old southern city, years be- ings. The iron work had been in fore the war, as an old resident of position sixty-two years, and many

> you everything of any consequence.' "You've told me that you said to

isn't anything in this business that I'm ashamed of, and if any snoopin' little yee-hawin', four-by-six, giming to back up this assertion to any let eyed shyster lawyer, with half a extent whatever with anybody who of jaw, ever wants to know what I

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He knew what had happened, and no "Reckon Marse Doctor ain't 'tick-

came rocks which crushed some of

them to pulp. The corporal who

raised had been torn from its sock-

et as he was whirled along with that

Old Cato was Nervy.

president and head center gener-

The old gentleman was well off

in this world's goods, very sociable

of disposition and entertained quite

liberally in his apartments, which,

notwithstanding the then grewsome

locality, were spacious and cheerful.

giving a supper to a few friends the

conversation turned upon personal

ty around the board that evening an

would bet on it.

One evening when the doctor was

grinding mass.

head first and at full length, and for up to one of the cadavers and began perhaps five seconds was within ten operations. our faces. He was bareheaded, his deep, sepulchral tones. overcoat gone, and his face bleeding. "All right. sar," said Cato .-

up went his hand in salute to the and began work on the other. lieutenant. As his arm dropped he "Let go my head," greeted him

erpart. Out of that parrow, rocky (mas' do it pass poured the tide with a fury | A pandemonium of voices, groans, which scraped it as bare as a floor cries and threats filled the room, but

mile. It was no use to look for that head back!" in agonizing cries. the bodies. Five hundred men But the old darky didn't flinch .--

hope that any of them still lived .- gentleman wants it back, and I'll

found them, one after another, and even then we had to dig. The snow firmly established, and the doctor would have smothered them as it won the dinner .-- Washington Post. rushed down, but with the snow

that city mentioned to a small co-terie of friends recently, there lived were placed in position. Finding an old bachelor doctor whose place them in so remarkable a state of of abode was in a part of the med- preservation Sir William Arrol had ical college of which he was dean, some of the paint analyzed, when it was found to be genuine white lead.

-English Mechanic.

Getting the Whole Story Attorney-"I insist on an answer to my question. You have not told me all the conversation. I want to know everything that passed between you and Mr. Jones on the occasion to which you refer." Reluctant Witness-"I've told

There was among the jovial par- have been talking to you about, you Brace the Nerves.

the doctor if there were any cadavers in the college.

"Two," said the doctor.

"Well, you send Cato into the dissecting room, and I'll scare him white," said his friend.

It was agreed, and after dinner for six had been wagered on the experiment the old darky was called in, and the doctor said: "Cato, there

courage, and the doctor mentioned with pride the superabundant quantity of pluck in his old body servant want to know what he said in re-Cato. "There's nothing in the world 404 Dock street. out of it that can scare old Cato," the doctor asserted, and he was will-